

POST SHORTS

Refuse removal holiday update

The refuse schedule for the Thanksgiving holiday is Nov. 23, recycling pickup; Nov. 24, no pickup on holiday and Nov. 29, Patriot Village.

The residential and recycling pickup schedule is: Nov. 30, plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.

As a reminder, leaves that are removed can be taken to the collection center located at building 3558 and placed in a rolloff that is provided for residents' and Soldier's use.

Additionally, tree lined areas can also be used for leaf disposal. Residents are asked not to leave plastic bags since they do not breakdown in the environment. The placement of bags of leaves in the dumpsters is also prohibited.

Reduced holiday gate hours; Route 755 to reopen

The Harford Gate (Route 22) in Aberdeen will close 10 p.m. and the Magnolia Road Gate in Edgewood will close at 8 p.m., Nov. 23. The Maryland Gate (Maryland Route 715) in Aberdeen and the Route 24 Gate in Edgewood will be open throughout the holiday weekend. The Harford Gate will reopen at 4 a.m., Nov. 28.

The Wise Road Gate (Route 755) in Edgewood will reopen 4 a.m., Nov. 28 and the Magnolia Gate will be closed to traffic. The Wise Road Gate is only for U.S. government ID card holders.

Trucks and visitors without government ID must continue to use the Route 24 Gate.

Veterinary clinic closings, reduced hours

The APG Veterinary Treatment Facility will be closed Nov. 24 and 25 for Thanksgiving, and Nov. 30 for inventory.

In December, the clinic will be closed Dec. 19, 23 and 26 due to staffing shortage and the Christmas break, and Dec. 30 for inventory.

Reduced hours next month are 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Dec. 20, 22, 27 and 29 and 1 to 3:30 p.m. Dec. 21 and 28.

For more information, contact the VTF, 410-278-3911/4604.

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VFW post 6054 honors 'heroes, past and present'



Photo by BOBBY PARKER, THE RECORD
George L. Ellsworth, commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6054, and former Maryland Congressman Kweisi Mfume and the day's guest speaker, watch the post's memorial service to the fallen during its Veterans Day observance Nov. 11.

Story and photo by
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APG News

Members and guests of Charlton Miller Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6054 in Perryman gathered to remember those lost to war and to honor those still serving in the War on Terror during its Veterans Day ceremony on the eleventh day of the eleventh month at the eleventh hour.

Post commander George L. Ellsworth, adjutant Lawrence Adams and Ladies Auxiliary president Vanessa Reed welcomed the gathering of more than 200 attendees, many World War II and Vietnam era veterans.

After opening the program with the Pledge of Allegiance, Ellsworth said that he was "humbled to stand before such a gathering."

"Like I, many of you were in combat and can remember the honor of sacrifice as well as those friends who never returned," Ellsworth said. "I am honored to be here today to speak to you from the heart."

The program included a salute to post commander Frank Brown, the district's first black director, and a 'graveside' salute to fallen heroes by the post officers.

The guest speaker was noted Baltimore statesman and former U.S. congressman, chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus and chief executive officer of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Kweisi Mfume.

Mfume praised the post's "impressive history" and said that the ceremony demonstrated "why

what you do not only remembers the brave but is extremely necessary to preserve the freedoms we have."

"Your presence here in many respects supports the purpose, mission and mandate of Charlton Miller VFW Post 6054," Mfume said.

He told the audience that although he never wore the uniform he had a "deep appreciation" for those who did.

"Some of us didn't have the honor to serve as you did," he said, "but we are wiser now and we recognize that what you accomplished ought to be held high on days like this."

He commented on the history of blacks in the military, thanking them for their service "when it was not always appreciated," and praised them for not being discouraged upon their return and for continuing to serve in their communities.

"God calls us to gatherings like this to reason, to think and to give thanks," Mfume said. "And He still calls all of you to the perfect mission to clothe the poor and feed the hungry."

"On Veterans Day I urge you to join me in saying that we will do anything we can to make sure our government provides better benefits and appropriate services for our returning veterans."

Ellsworth and the post officers thanked Mfume and presented him with a commemorative plaque.

"It means so much to all of us to he took time from his busy schedule to come here and share his words of wisdom and our history," Ellsworth said. "He reminded us of things we had forgotten."

Contracting Agency to host Office Products Expo

DOC, ACA

The U. S. Army Contracting Agency Directorate of Contracting will host the third annual Office Products Expo, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Dec. 8, in the Aberdeen Proving Ground Recreation Center, building 3326, Erie Street.

This event will emphasize the Javits-Wagner O'Day Program, which is a unique federal procurement program that generates employment and training opportunities for people who are blind and those who have other

severe disabilities. The JWOD Program is a mandatory source of supply.

The JWOD Program nonprofit agencies participating in this year's Expo are Blind Industries and Services of Maryland; Winston-Salem Industries for the Blind; Delaware Industries for the Blind; Envision and South Texas Lighthouse for the Blind.

Rene Alonso, JWOD marketing director, Office Eagle, will present a program on the benefits of JWOD.

Attendees will have an opportunity to become acquainted with the various

vendors who have agreements under the mandatory Army Blanket Purchase Agreement for Office Products.

A partial list of vendor's attending who are covered under the BPA are:

American Office Products – The Supply Room
Caddo Design
Chuckals
KM2
Metro Office Supply
WECsys LLC.

Pamela DeGuia, a representative from the Defense Logistics Agency

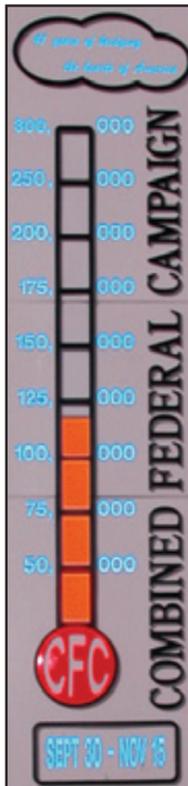
will demonstrate the use of DoD EMALL.

Everyone is invited to attend, especially those involved in the acquisition process, i.e. requestors, government purchase cardholders, billing officials.

"Join us to learn more about JWOD and to sample some of the SKIL-CRAFT products," said Dennis Bolen, ACA.

Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Bolen, 410-278-0849, DSN 298-0849 or e-mail him at debolen@apg.army.mil.

CFC donations continue to climb



Lisa Mack
CFC Chairperson

Entering week seven of the 2005 Combined Federal Campaign, Aberdeen Proving Ground donations have reached \$120,000, roughly 34 percent of the installation's \$350,000 goal.

Adding to the growing list of organizations that have exceeded their goal, congratulations go out to the Civilian Human Resource Agency and the Defense Commissary Agency.

The second drawing was held for two of the remaining Chris White prints from the 2004 campaign season. The winner of the 16-by-20 inch print is Staff Sgt Tanya Page, 143rd Ordnance Battalion, and Joe Feeney, U.S. Army Research Laboratory, won the 8 1/2-by-11 inch print. The final drawing will be held Nov. 30. All interested donors should turn in their pledge cards to their organization's key worker prior to Nov. 30 to ensure their names are included in the drawing.

The 2005 Contributor's Guide for national/international organizations is at Web site <http://www.cfccmd.org>. Paper copies of the guide and pledge cards are available from each organization key worker or at the APG CFC office.

For more information, visit the APG CFC Office at building 4302 or call Mary Cheek, 410-306-1625.

Native American flutist educates, entertains

Rebecca J. Chisholm
APG News

Native American Heritage Month was celebrated Nov. 8 with a presentation by Ron Warren, a Cherokee Indian who performed on various Native American flutes.

Presented by the Native American Employment Program Committee, the Native American 11th Honoring Celebration focused on the service of Native Americans in the service, as well as the musicianship of Warren.

"We are here to honor the heritage and strength of our nation," said Carol Baker, Native American Committee program manager. "Native Americans have played a vital role in protecting the nation's security, helping to spread liberty throughout the world."

Maria A. Terry, a committee member and Navajo Indian who was raised on a reservation in the southwest, performed the invocation, using an introductory prayer from a Navajo Blessingway Ceremony.

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Soldiers + students = fun USAEC, Edgewood Elementary share military experience

Deborah Elliott
USAEC

When was the last time you saw a drill sergeant grinning from ear to ear as he barked out the order to line up? If you were a kindergarten at Edgewood Elementary it was Nov. 8, Military Appreciation and Awareness Day, designed to bring Soldiers and students together.

"It is hard to say who got more out of the event, but one thing is for sure – everyone had fun," said Col. Tony R. Francis, commander of the U.S. Army Environmental Center.

Lunch with the Soldiers was the beginning of a day filled with various activities.

"We had a great time demonstrating the color guard for the kids," said Staff Sgt. Timothy P. Inman, the noncommissioned officer in charge of the 22d Chemical Battalion (Technical Escort), Company A. "They were so respectful and good while we were doing it, too. The best part of the day for us, though, was having lunch with the kids and getting to talk with them one on one."

Not only did the children see the color guard and get ordered around by a drill sergeant, but they also crawled over big Army trucks, watched a K-9 demonstration, listened to Army history, peered through night vision goggles, and held a 3-inch long Madagascar Hissing Cockroach in their hands.

The event, coordinated by USAEC, brought together organizations from across Aberdeen Proving Ground including the 22d Chemical Battalion (TE), the 143rd Ordnance Battalion, the 61st Ordnance Brigade, the APG Police Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security, the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine and American Legion Post 17 participated.

"This event is great because diverse organizations from the post come together for us and the school to support this event," Francis said. "We've won a major Army award for this community outreach program

with Edgewood Elementary School, but we could never be successful without their help."

The partnership between Edgewood Elementary School and USAEC was chartered on Oct. 27, 1997, to support the educational experience of Edgewood Elementary School students. Through this partnership, USAEC works with teachers to promote the Edgewood Elementary curriculum throughout the school year by sharing knowledge of the environmental sciences and related professional career paths.



Photo by CASANDRA TOMARCHIO, USAEC
Drill Sgt. Chad Guidry, 143rd Ordnance Battalion, gets the children "Soldiers" marching on Military Appreciation and Awareness Day. Third grader Tymon Blow (blue striped shirt) is focused on Guidry's commands.